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BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, February 22, 2013

Place: Capitol

Time: 8:00 A.M.

Room: 303

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

SB 279 - Generally revise statute of limitation laws - Sen. Jim Peterson

SB 306 - Revise partner family member assault laws - Sen. Alan Olson

SB 320 - Generally revise campaign finance and disclosure laws - Sen. Chas Vincent

SB 326 - Revise sexual assault laws and parental rights - Sen. Sue Malek

SB 331 - Revise laws related to process servers - Sen. Terry Murphy

SB 362 - Increase penalties for domestic violence offenders - Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 85-Tabled

SB 279-Tabled

SB 331-Do Pass

SB 320-Do Pass

SB 326-Do Pass

SB 210-Do Pass

SB 267-Do Pass

SB 321-Do Pass

SB 306-Do Pass

SB 251-Do Pass As Amended

SB 310-Failed-Tie Vote

SB 311-Failed Tie Vote

Comments:

Jerry Murphy, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

2013 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE: 0 22 13

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SENATOR SHANNON AUGARE		
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 331** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed:

gnator Terry Murphy, Chair

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Committee Vote: Yes 12, No 0 Fiscal Note Required __



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 320** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed:

Senator Terry Murphy, Chai

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Committee Vote: Yes 7, No 5 Fiscal Note Required __



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 326** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

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Signed:

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Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 0
Fiscal Note Required ___



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 210** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed:

Senator Terry Murphy, Chair

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Committee Vote:
Yes 7, No 5
Fiscal Note Required ___



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 251** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended**.

Signed:

Senator Terry Murphy, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 12, line 21 through line 22.

Strike: subsection (3) in its entirety

- (4) a statement that failure of a qualified beneficiary to object within the allowed time bars the qualified beneficiary from taking any legal action against the trustee for liability within the scope of [section 22] except as provided in [section 22(3)] and that a qualified beneficiary may want to seek independent legal advice regarding the matter at the qualified beneficiary's expense;
- (5) the time within which objections to the proposed action or inaction can be made, which must be at least 30 days from providing the notice of proposed action or notice of proposed inaction;"

Renumber: subsequent subsection

2. Page 12, line 30.

Following: "inaction."

Insert: "The written objection may take any form reasonably
 calculated to communicate the objection but need not give
 any reason for the objection."

3. Page 13, line 1.

Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 4

Fiscal Note Required

Strike: "A"

Insert: "Except as provided in subsection (3), a"

4. Page 13, line 3.

Strike: "If"

Insert: "Except as provided in subsection (3), if"

5. Page 13.

Following: line 6

Insert: "(3) The failure of a qualified beneficiary to object
 does not preclude the qualified beneficiary from holding the
 trustee liable for a breach of trust in any of the following
 circumstances:

(a) if the qualified beneficiary at the time of the qualified beneficiary's failure to object did not have notice of the proposed action as prescribed in [sections 19 through 23]; or

(b) if the qualified beneficiary's failure to object was induced by improper conduct of the trustee."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

6. Page 13, line 9.

Strike: "a qualified beneficiary objecting to the proposed

action"

Insert: "the trustee"

7. Page 13, line 10.

Strike: "not"

8. Page 13, line 19.

Strike: "a qualified beneficiary objecting to the proposed

inaction"

Insert: "the trustee"

9. Page 13, line 20.

Following: "should"

Insert: "not"

10. Page 15, line 7 through line 11.

Strike: subsections (2) and (3) in their entirety

Insert: "(2) Unless specifically provided to the contrary in
 [sections 1 through 132] or unless inconsistent with
 [sections 1 through 132], the rules of civil procedure,
 including the rules concerning vacation of orders and
 appellate review, govern proceedings under [sections 1
 through 132]."

11. Page 51, line 16 through line 17.

Strike: subsection (a) in its entirety

Insert: "(a) any loss or depreciation in value of the trust
 estate resulting from the breach of trust, with interest;"

12. Page 51, line 18. Following: "breach"

Insert: "of trust, with interest; or

(c) any profit that would have accrued to the trust estate if the loss of profit is the result of the breach of trust"

13. Page 51, line 22.

Following: "indifference to the"

Insert: "fiduciary duties of the trustee, the terms or"

Following: "purposes of the trust"

Insert: ","

14. Page 51, line 25.

Insert: "(3) If the trustee is liable for interest pursuant to this section, interest must be determined as the greater of the following amounts:

(a) the amount of interest that accrues at the legal rate on judgments; or

(b) the amount of interest the trustee actually received as a result of the breach of trust."

15. Page 53, line 2.

Following: "to the"

Insert: "fiduciary duties of the trustee, the terms or"

Following: "the trust"

Insert: ","

Following: "beneficiaries;"

Strike: "or"

16. Page 53, line 4. Following: "settlor"

Insert: "; or

(c) relieves the trustee of accountability for profits derived from a breach of trust"

17. Page 53, line 6.

Following: "circumstances"

Strike: "and" Insert: ","

18. Page 53, line 7.

Following: "settlor"

Insert: ", and that the settlor was represented by independent legal counsel before adopting the exculpatory term."

19. Page 56, line 8. Following: "action"

Insert: "-- substituted judgment"

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 267** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed:

Senator Terry Murphy, Chair

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Committee Vote: Yes 12, No 0 / Fiscal Note Required __



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 321** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed:

Senatar Terky Murphy, Chai

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Committee Vote:
Yes 7, No 5
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 306** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: Lengthy
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BILL TABLED NOTICE

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The **SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** TABLED

SB 85 - Revise laws related to judge disqualification - Sen. Terry Murphy SB 279 - Generally revise statute of limitation laws - Sen. Jim Peterson

, by motion, on Friday, February 22, 2013.

(For the Committee)

(For the Secretary of the Senate)

(Time) (Date)

February 22, 2013 (12:00pm)

Pam Schindler, Secretary

Phone: 406-444-4891

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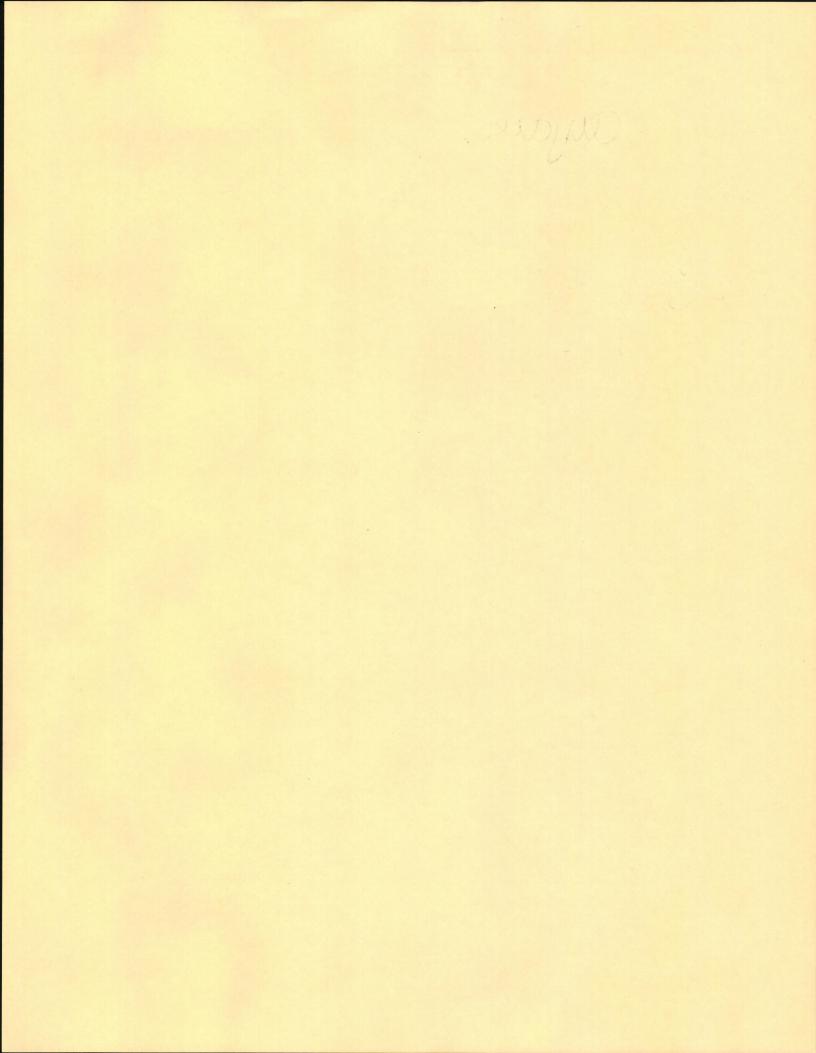
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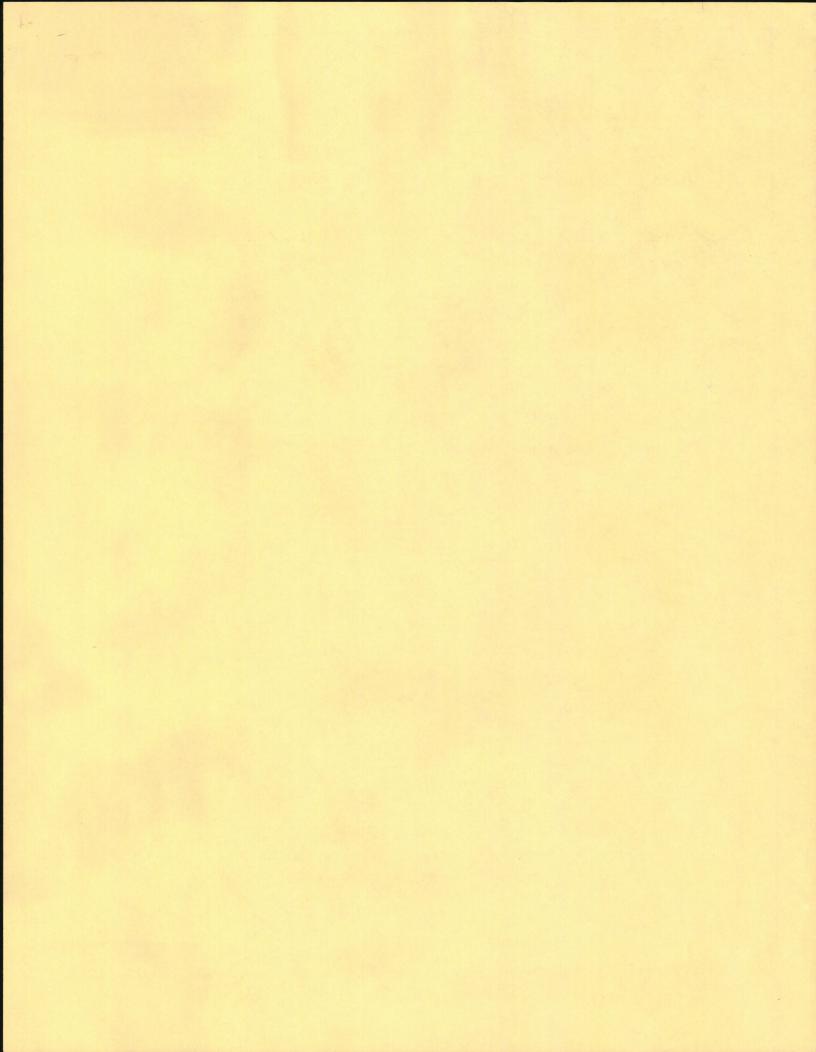
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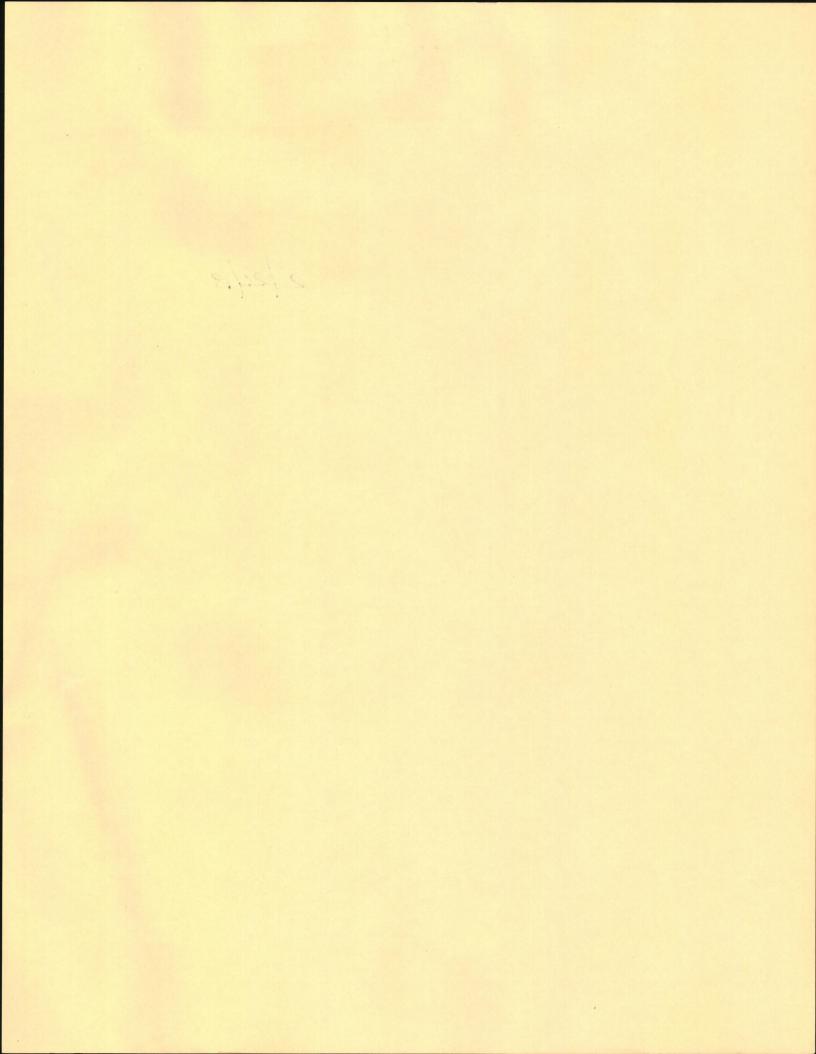
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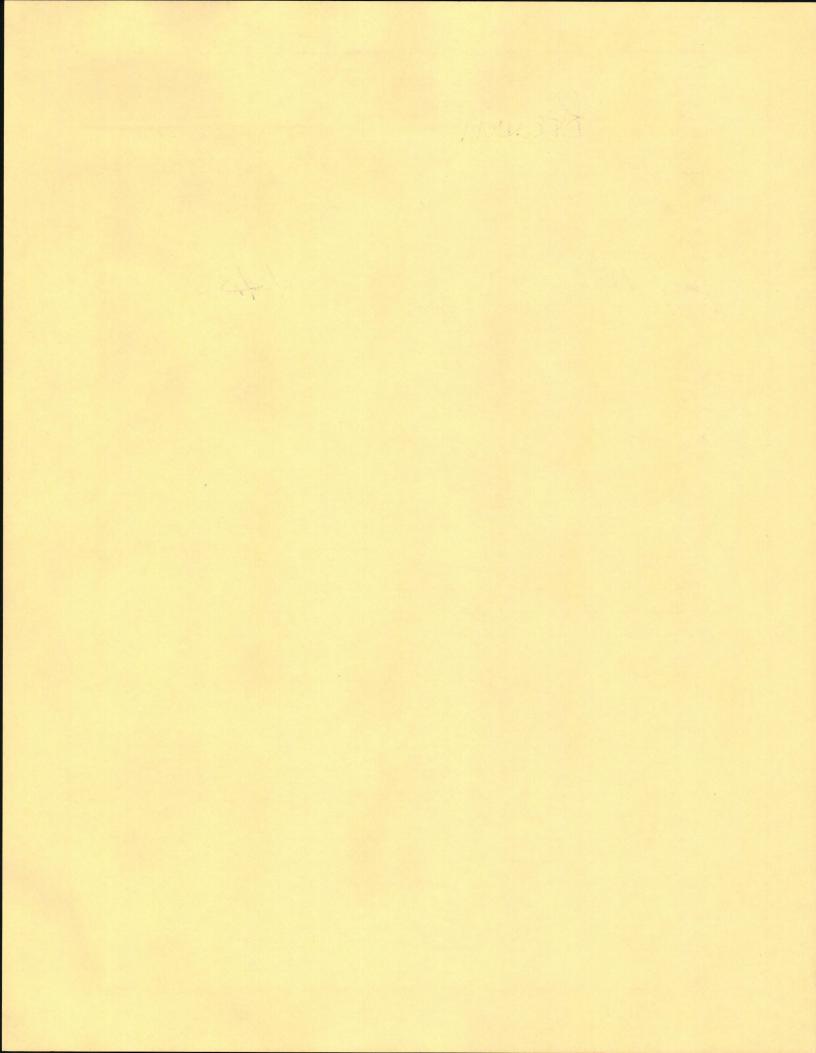
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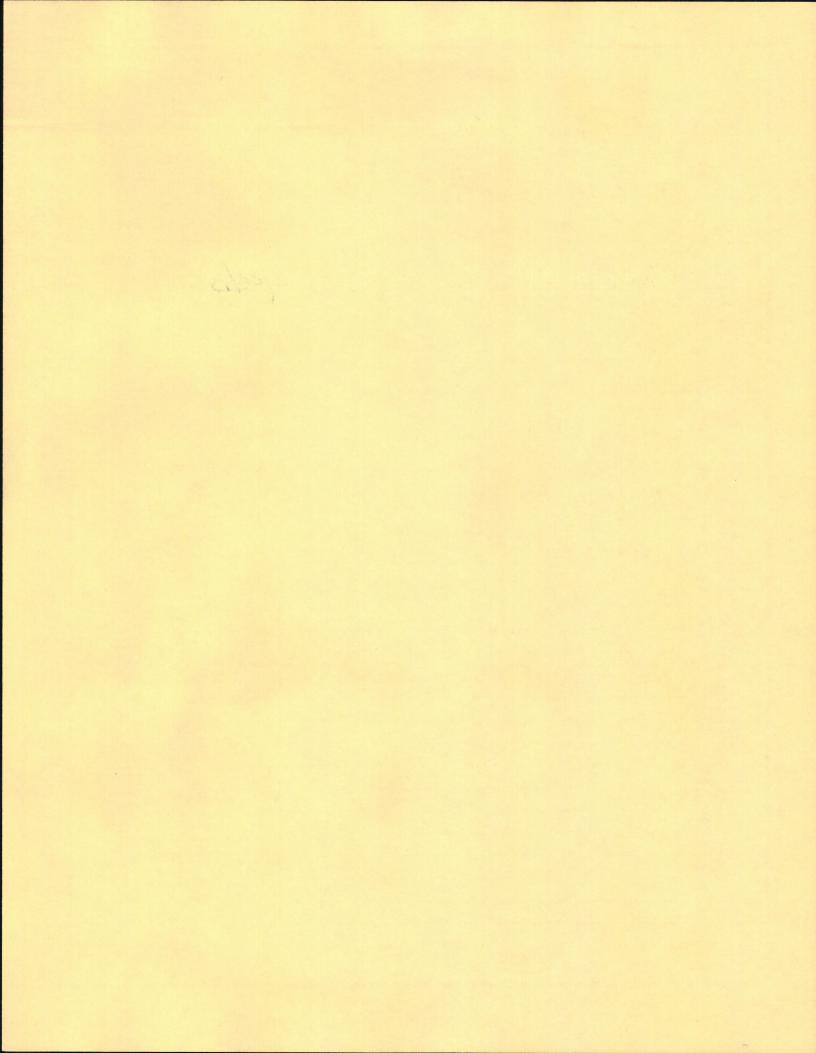


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Friday, February 22, 2013

SB 326 - Revise sexual assault laws and parental rights

Sponsor: Sen. Sue Malek

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Friday, February 22, 2013

SB 279 - Generally revise statute of limitation laws

Sponsor: Sen. Jim Peterson

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SB 320 - Generally revise campaign finance and disclosure laws

Sponsor: Sen. Chas Vincent

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Friday, February 22, 2013

SB 306 - Revise partner family member assault laws

Sponsor: Sen. Alan Olson

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SB 331 - Revise laws related to process servers

Sponsor: Sen. Terry Murphy

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Friday, February 22, 2013

SB 362 - Increase penalties for domestic violence offenders

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Dear Mr. Chairman, Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Sorry I missed the committee this morning. I am writing to you in regards of Senate Bill 310. I stand strongly against this bill.

I am familiar with a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder situation and the answer to the situation I know of is NOT medical marijuana. He is in his mid-20's. Out of 6 years, he has served over 30 months in a war zone. He is a well-polished soldier, currently a staff seargent, receiving numerous Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, and a Purple Heart recipient.

Being deployed several times means he has adjusted to different living arrangements, temperatures, and atmospheres such as danger and safe zones. He has had to go from sleeping safely in his own home to sleeping in a tent while mortars are randomly launched on the base. He has lived cautiously 24/7, carrying a loaded rifle by his side, to having to adjust to civilian life here in the United States. My point is, there are many many adjustments an American Soldier has to make in order to survive.

Think of how it would feel to live under such stress for months on end and then suddenly being thrown back into life at home. There is a drastic difference in stress levels between the two. A soldier fights for our lives, all the while fighting for his own life on a minute by minute basis. Life suddenly turns into an adrenaline rush. When he returns from a war zone, life is no longer the same. The mentality of a soldier changes after months and months of living in such a high stress and anxiety filled situation.

Due to the drastic mentality change, I strongly disagree with medical marijuana being used for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD is a mental disorder. We need to focus our time and energy to providing mental health services. The bottom line is, there are soldiers who cannot make the adjustments listed above. Drinking and driving, domestic violence, suicide and divorce are just some of the final outcomes that come from war. Not only do we as Americans, need to support our troops while overseas, we need to support them at home as well. The War is not over when they come home. We need to provide the services for them to fight the war at home as well.

I strongly encourage you to vote against Senate Bill 310.

Senator Janna Taylor

Respectfully,